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Windy Hill Gardens

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## SOME NEW PEONIES FOR 1943

It was my privilege to visit a number of peony gardens in June as well as two peony shows. In these gardens and at these shows I saw a large number of very beautiful peonies. I shall only mention here a few of the newer varieties.

Everywhere Elsa Sass was among the best. This was awarded a gold medal by The American Peony Society at Minneapolis. It is a full rose type flower and has very broad petals all through the flower. The color is white overlaid with a veil of pink making an exquisite combination hard to beat. Nick Shaylor was also among the finest everywhere. It is a light pink, usually, but sometimes blush or even white. It opens well, quite late.

Mount Everest a veritable mountain of white with the tints of a setting sun over it all, was one to rave about.

Dainty and lovely beyond all description was Mildred May a pure white semi-double. This has several rows of pure white guard petals with a row of yellow stamens and a center of white. When allowed to bloom as Nature intended it to do, it makes well branched stems carrying several of its beautiful flowers open at once, a bouquet of loveliness that has to be seen to be appreciated.

There are two blush pink peonies that were very beautiful. Moonstone is a medium sized flower full rose type with petals very symmetrically arranged and when viewed through transmitted light it is markedly different in its loveliness. Its color is that of the stone for which it is named. The second was Ramona Lins. Evenly colored a delicate cream pink throughout its rose like petals it makes a flower entrancingly beautiful. A full double white quite large in size and very beautifully formed has been named Casablanca. It was one of the finest I saw and right along with it was a very large pure pink, Dolorodell, that we shall all wish to have. Tondeleyo was a very brilliant pink in a darker shade. Its color is very remarkable as there is really no other quite so brilliant in its shade, as Mrs. Livingston Farrand is lighter, though a slightly purer color.

Mrs. Lossing has released her new peony for sale. It, Louise Lossing, is a very large and very deep flower of pure white with an infusion of pinkish cream in the depths of the flower. It frequently has a ring of small rosettes around the center. It is tall and blooms in late midseason. Its price is twenty-five dollars and transportation plus duty as it has to be imported from Canada. If any desire it, please send in the order at once as it will take some time to get the necessary papers. Total cost about thirty dollars.

## PRICE CHANGES

It has been necessary to change some prices from last year. Two varieties have been advanced and thirty lowered. These changes and the prices of the new ones mentioned above are given below. They are arranged in the order they appeared in last year's price list. If you have mislaid your copy a new one will be sent on request.

Margaret Lough .....	\$ 5.00	Mary E. Nicholls .....	\$15.00
Moon of Nippon .....	10.00	Moonglow .....	5.00
Flower Girl .....	7.00	Mrs. A. O. Norton .....	20.00
Edith E. Gumm .....	5.00	Rapture .....	20.00
Eloise .....	5.00	Thura Hires .....	5.00
Mrs. Fern Lough .....	5.00	Yosemite .....	3.00
Mrs. W. L. Gumm .....	5.00	Florence Nicholls .....	7.50
Frank Wade .....	5.00	George W. Peyton .....	5.00
Merrimac .....	5.00	Mary Auten .....	6.00
Red Goddess (Advanced) ....	5.00	Nancy Nicholls .....	5.00
Nippon Brilliant .....	4.00	Ella Lewis .....	5.00
Arcturus .....	3.00	L. W. Pollock (Advanced) ....	7.50
A. B. C. Nicholls .....	5.00	Mrs. Livingston Farrand ....	12.00
Florence Bond .....	5.00	Mrs. Rowland .....	5.00
Jean Harlow .....	7.50	Tempest .....	2.50
Harry F. Little .....	5.00	Oliver F. Brand .....	Withdrawn
Joseph Christie .....	3.50		

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## NEW PEONIES

Casablanca .....	\$20.00	Mildred May (very scarce) \$	5.00
Dolorodell .....	20.00	Mount Everest .....	5.00
Mandaleen (light pink) .....	10.00	Ramona Lins .....	20.00
Tondeleyo .....	20.00	Louise Lossing (see above)	25.00

No price is quoted on Moonstone. Ask if you wish it.

All the new peonies offered are very scarce. All orders for them are taken subject to cancellation if stock cannot be had. Mildred May is especially scarce. Any five dollar peony may be substituted for it in the collection below and it is advisable to name such a substitute when ordering. The roots furnished of these new varieties will not be standard divisions but slightly smaller ones, but they will be good growing divisions.

One root of Casablanca, Dolorodell, Mandaleen, Ramona Lins and Tondeleyo will be sent for \$80. \$110 will get these and Mildred May (if available) Mount Everest and Louise Lossing and no other charges will be added for Louise Lossing. No roots of Casablanca, Dolorodell, Ramona Lins and Tondeleyo will be available after this fall until 1946. Now is your best chance to get them. Varieties not priced below are listed in the regular price list.

Are you interested in miniature peonies? You will find that Polly Prim (\$2) white and perfection itself, Patty (\$1) in salmon pink anemone bomb, Creve Coeur (\$1.25) brilliant dark red anemone Jap, and Lucky Star (\$1) full double red will fill the bill.

Do you like dwarf plants? Flower Girl, a blush double that is beautiful and attractive beyond your dreams. Mary E. Nicholls a pure white of great allure, Molly Pitcher a beautiful blush and Peggy (\$1.25) a warm bright silvery pink and most charming are some of the best. Do you like a peony that looks like a great big rose? These do that: Elsa Sass, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ruth Elizabeth and Rosalie (\$1). There are also others.

Do you think a peony with soft moonlight spreading over its petals would be desirable? Then Moonglow, Thura Hires and Mr. Moon (\$5) are the best while Joseph Christie, Gertrude Gibson and Yosemite have just a little less of this tint.

If you would like some of the so-called yellow peonies see the regular price list for varieties to which should be added Carolina Moon (\$5).

Do you want a brilliant pure pink flower? Mrs. Livingston Farrant is the best with Walter Faxon, Souvenir de Louis Bigot, Raoul Dessert and the brand new Dolorodell very fine while in a darker shade Tondeleyo is a new shade of unsurpassed grandeur.

Are you interested in the lovely semi-doubles? Marie Jacquin in pale blush, Mildred May in pure white, Lady Alexandra Duff, blush, A. G. Perry, blush, Maman Millet, light pink, Garden Princess silvery pink, Minnie Shaylor blush to white, Silvia Saunders, the most charming of all peonies in soft light pink, and in rich glowing red Red Goddess and Robin Hood (\$2) are good examples of the best.

What are the most beautifully colored peonies? Here are ten: Solange, Tourangelle, Rapture, Marilla Beauty, George W. Peyton, Juanita (\$5), Dorothy J., Mrs. J. H. Neeley, Odile, R. A. Napier.

What are the largest? Monsieur Jules Elie, Martha Bulloch, Victory Chateau Thierry, Jacques Dessert (\$2.50), Elise Renault June Giant red (\$15.00) and Red Giant (\$3.50) will satisfy you.

## HYBRID PEONIES

None of these are offered in this book. They are the most brilliant of peonies. They vary in size from two inches to ten. They are dwarfs six inches high to giants almost five feet. The colors are from the purest white through all shades of pink and red and even yellow with a few very close to green. The following are the firms from which they may be secured: Prof. A. P. Saunders, Clinton New York, who has the widest assortment, Edward Auten, Jr., Princeville, Illinois, Lyman D. Glasscock, Elwood, Illinois, Route 2. Mention me when writing. Prof. Saunders also has a wide assortment of the most beautiful tree peonies we have. The prices for these run from five dollars up. I shall be glad to get any of them for you if you wish.